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1. CONSULATE REQUESTED FORWARD FOLLOWING LETTER FROM DR. A. S. FRIEDMAN, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, USAEC, TO MR MUNIR KHAN, CHAIRMAN, PAKISTAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

DEAR MUNIR:

I UNDERSTAND YOU TALKED WITH BOB SLAWSON LAST WEEK CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING ABOUT FIVE TONS OF HEAVY WATER FROM THE USAEC IN THE NEXT SIX TO NINE MONTHS FOR THE KANUPP REACTOR, AND I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT OUR REPLY TO YOUR QUESTIONS CABLED TO OUR MISSION IN VIENNA ARRIVED SHORTLY AFTER YOU MET WITH THEM.

YOU MAY KNOW BY NOW THAT MR MUMTAZ A. KHAN, DIRECTOR OF SUPPLY AND PROCUREMENT, HAS ALSO WRITTEN TO US RECENTLY INQUIRING ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF QUOTE ABOUT TEN TONS OF HEAVY WATER END QUOTE FOR KANUPP. THE SITUATION IS THIS.

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BECAUSE OF A TIGHT SUPPLY SITUATION, THE AEC CANNOT MAKE COMMITMENTS TO SUPPLY HEAVY WATER SIX TO NINE MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF ACTUAL NEEDS. WE HAVE PLACED YOUR REQUEST ON OUR HEAVY WATER PRIORITY LIST BUT, IN VIEW OF THE PRIOR ENTRIES TO THIS LIST, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THIS PROCEDURE WOULD PERMIT SUPPLY ON YOUR DESIRED SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF HEAVY WATER INVOLVED AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR INABILITY TO PROCURE IT PROMPTLY, UPON CLARIFICATION OF THE EXACT QUANTITY AND DATE THE MATERIAL IS REQUIRED IN PAKISTAN, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUPPLY YOUR REQUIREMENTS THROUGH AN EXCEPTION TO OUR NORMAL PROCEDURES. ABOUT THIRTY DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE, WE WILL REVIEW OUR HEAVY WATER SUPPLY SITUATION RELATIVE TO YOUR REQUEST TO DETERMINE OUR ABILITY TO SUPPLY IT AND WILL ADVISE YOU PROMPTLY OF OUR DECISION.

IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION YOU RAISED CONCERNING AN EARLIER COMMITMENT TO SUPPLY FIFTEEN TONS OF HEAVY WATER FOR KANUPP, I UNDERSTAND THIS WAS CLARIFIED DURING YOUR VISIT TO THE U. S. MISSION BY REFERENCE TO EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE WITH DR. USMANI IN WHICH IT WAS INDICATED WE WERE UNABLE TO MAKE A COMMITMENT BEYOND THE SEVEN AND ONE HALF TONS NEEDED AT THAT TIME.

AS NOTED ABOVE, WE HAVE PLACED YOUR REQUEST FOR HEAVY WATER ON OUR PRIORITY LIST, AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING US OF THE EXACT QUANTITY AND DATE OF DELIVERY DESIRED. SINCERELY,
A. S. FRIEDMAN, END. ROGERS

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